



Toxic Release Inventory Newsletter

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2004 TRI Workshops

The results of our TRI Workshop Survey are in and the planning for the 2004 workshops has commenced. EPA is offering two TRI Training Workshops utilizing Long Distance Learning Technology Central High School in East Chicago, Indiana on May 18 and 19, 2004. Participants will be remotely linked to the trainers and participants in other venues. Attendees will be able to see, hear and talk with the trainers and attendees in other venues, as if there is no distance barrier. To register for the workshop and download the training materials visit www.otis.abtassoc.com/tritraining/TRIReg.exe

IDEM will be hosting two TRI classroom style training workshops in April. A workshop in the Northern Region on Tuesday April 20 will be at Ivy Tech, 2521 Industrial Parkway, in Elkhart from 8:30 to 12:30. A workshop in Indianapolis will be Friday April 23 at the Indiana Government Center South Conference Center from 8:30 to 12:30. Please call OPPTA at (800) 988-7901 to register.

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Properly Reporting TRI Production Ratio

Production Ratio reporting, indicated in Part II Section 8.9 on the Form R can be very confusing. Production ratio indicates the level of increase or decrease of the production process or other activity in which the toxic chemical is used, from the previous year. This number is usually around 1.0. For example, a production ratio or activity index of 1.5 would indicate that production associated with the use of the toxic chemical has increased by about 50 percent. Conversely, a production ratio or activity index of 0.3 would indicate that production associated with the use of the toxic chemical has decreased by about 70 percent.

A facility may only appropriately enter "NA" if the reported toxic chemical was not manufactured, processed or otherwise used in the year prior to the reporting year. This applies to all first-time reporters and those facilities that did not have a TRI report for a specific chemical in the previous year. Zero may be correctly entered if the ratio is a number so small (i.e., <0.005) that it must be rounded down to zero. (The ratio may have no more than two digits to the right of the decimal.) At no time is it appropriate to leave the production ratio blank.

EPCRA CALL CENTER

The EPCRA Call Center is a toll free number industry may call to obtain answers and guidance to questions about completing the TRI (EPCRA section 313) forms. The EPCRA Call Center number is (800) 424-9346. The TDD is (800) 553-7672.

2004 TRI-ME SOFTWARE NOW AVAILABLE

The 2003 TRI-ME software is already available and can be download at www.epa.gov/tri/report/trime/patches.htm#cd. This version contains the new Form R that must be used for 2003 reports.

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